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TO DSD

INFO USM-614 (PASS TO CAPT RICHARDS AUM 352)

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FOR M18 CANBERRA FROM RICHARDS.

PROGRESS REPORT

1. COMMUNICATIONS: (A) AUTHORITY RECEIVED 28 JUN 66 IN SAIGON FOR  
ISSUE OF FIVE KW7 EQPTS TO ADSU (EXTRA TWO ASKED FOR BY NRV (C) BECA-  
USE OF FAILURE RATE DUE APPARENTLY TO OVERHEATING). IT WILL TAKE A F-  
EW MORE DAYS FOR ACTUAL RECEIPT OF EQPTS KEY LIST ETC BEFORE DATE CAN  
BE SET TO OPEN COMMS. (B) AM BORROWING TWO TMSTG EQPTS FROM USM-614  
(17TH RR BN AT 2FFV) TO ESTB OLC SIMPLEX OVER RADIO RELAY (PROBABLY TWO  
CHANNELS WILL BE ALLOCATED ON 1ATF AN/TRC 24 REAR LINK TO 2FFV FOR UL-  
TERNATE DUPLEX WORKING). (C) CY OPS DUE TO FINISH FAMILIARISATION LOG  
AT USM-614 30 JUN 66.

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2. MF INTERCEPT: (A) COMMENCED OPERATING 2-3 POSITIONS 24 JUN 66

ON DIRECTED GS SEARCH BASED ON TECHNICAL DATA SUPPLIED BY USM-626.

INFO AND LOGS BEING SENT TO USM-614 BY HELICOPTER FOR IDENT AND STEER-

AGE PURPOSES ONLY AT MOMENT. (B) BIG PROBLEM IS ERECTING AERIALS AB-

OVE RUBBER TREES TO OBTAIN A REASONABLE SIGNAL. PHYSICAL SECURITY PRO-

BLEMS PREVENT ANY CHANGE IN LOCATION YET. (C) WILL USE AUST DAILY

SDS HELICOPTER SERVICE FOR DELIVERING OF RAW TAKE TO USM-614. WHEN

COMMS ESTB WILL INITIALLY SEND DAILY TECSUM AND THEN BUILD UP TO SELE-

CTED RAWINFO PLUS REPORT. CONFIRMATION COPIES OF ALL RAW INFO WILL

GO BY LOG.

D. AM USING F SIGS 48 AND 49 INITIALLY BUT WILL CHANGE TO NS FORMAT

AND TYPING AS SIX COPIES OF RAW TAKE WILL BE REQD.

3. ARDF: (A) AIRCRAFT EQUIPPED AT MOMENT WITH AN/VRC44 WHICH APPRAE-

NTRY IS INCOMPATIBLE WITH PRC 25. WILL TRY OUR SET BUT IF NO SUCCESS

CAN BORROW AN/VRC 12 FROM USM-614. (B) AIRCRAFT GRADUALLY CHANGING

TO AN/VRC 54 WHICH IS COMPATIBLE WITH PRC 25. BY REVERTING SET TO NVI

DAT FEATURE (1,000 METERS AWAY) AND USING RC 292 GROUND PLANE ANTENNA

EXPECT TO COVER PHUOC TUY PROVINCE. NRV (C) COMMS OFFICER WOULD LIKE

TO SEE ME EQUIPPED WITH AN/VRC 47 (500 W OUTPUT) VEHICLE MOUNTED AS

WELL AS ABOVE TRAVEL WITH TAC HQ OF IATF. DUE TO LACK OF MANPOWER T-

ENTATIVE PLAN IS TO SANITIZE ARDF PLOTS RECEIVED AT IATF BASE HQ AND

FWD OVER HOT WIRE TO COMD IATF IF REQUIRED. IF IATF MOVES OUTSIDE P-

PHUOC TUY PROVINCE (NOT ENVISAGED FOR SOME TIME YET) THEN WILL RETHINK.

4. INTENTION INITIALLY IS TO CO-LOCATE WHOLE DET AT IATF WITH A LIAISON VISIT BY OC, ANALYSTS, RS, TO USM-614 AND NRV (C) WHEN COLLECTING KEY LISTS, COMUS PADS FOR ARDF ETC.

5. NRV (C) HAS ENABLED COMPLETE ACCESS TO ALL AVAILABLE INFO BY BRINGING VARIOUS EXPERTS OVER FROM USM-626 TO HIS OFFICE TO BRIEF US.

COOPERATION AND HELP HAS BEEN SUPERB. FURTHER, NRV (C) IS ALLOCATING HIS TOP ANALYST TO AUM 352 FOR TWO WEEKS TO ASSIST US FROM APPROX 14 JULY 1/6.